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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OF ECC

In re Application of:

Bertrand PIOT et al.

Group Art Unit: 1617

Application No. 09/866,731

Examiner: G. Yu

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For:

MASCARA COMPRISING A MIXTURE OF HARD WAXES AND

OF FILM-FORMING POLYMER

Box Non-Fee Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This reply to the Office Action dated February 12, 2002, filed before the shortened statutory period for reply ending March 14, 2002, respectfully requests that the Office amend, without prejudice or disclaimer, this application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the current versions of paragraph [0001], which was amended by the transmittal letter of May 30, 2001, and paragraph [0012], beginning at page 3 of the specification, with the following version of each paragraph.

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1300 I Street, NW Washington, DC 20005 202.408.4000 Fax 202.408.4400 www.finnegan.com [0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/217,991, filed December 22, 1998, which is incorporated herein by reference, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,274,131 B1, and which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No.